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Auto-suggestione in sogno. LOMBROSO. *Archivo di Psichiatria*, Vol. IX, fasc. 4, p. 418.

In this brief note Lombroso gives the following case in confirmation of the likeness of normal sleep and hypnosis. He had frequently treated a certain neuropathic subject for severe neuralgia; the relief, however, not outlasting forty-eight hours. On one occasion, after suggestion against a painful toothache, the relapse fell in the night. The patient had, however, no sooner fallen asleep than he dreamed of seeing Lombroso, and of having suggestion made to him as usual. The pain ceased, and the relief persisted, like that secured in hypnosis, into the waking state.

Reaction-time in the Hypnotic Trance. WILLIAM JAMES. *Proc. Amer. Soc. for Psychical Research*, Vol. I, No. 3, Dec. 1887.

These experiments serve to show rather the variety of conditions that may exist in the hypnotic trance than to establish any law of the effect of hypnotism upon reaction-times. Two of the three subjects reacted more slowly in the trance than before it; one reacted in two series a little quicker, and in one a good deal slower. In three series, one on each subject, taken five or six minutes after waking, two showed a quickening even over the reactions taken before the trance; the other showed the same, but, unfortunately for generalization, relapsed into trance again before the set was complete. The average error appeared larger in the trance than in the waking state.

Bibliographie des Modernen Hypnotismus. MAX DESSOIR. Berlin: Carl Duncker's Verlag, 1888. 94 pp. 8vo.

This is a valuable and satisfactory bibliography of the whole subject of hypnotism. The books are entered in the bibliography with their full titles, and the articles have volumes and pages indicated. The division of the materials classified is as follows: I. General, 191 titles; II. Medical, 199; III. Magnetism and Hypnotism, 36; IV. Physiological, 62; V. Psychological and Pedagogical, 85; VI. Jurisprudence, 43; VII. Action at a Distance, 81; VIII. Modern Mesmerism, 58; IX. Various Topics, 46. The last including Preconditions of Hypnotism, Single Cases, Ecstasy, Hypnotization of Animals, Historical works, Theory of Hypnotism, and Hypnotism and Religion.

The statistical tables at the end show: 801 writings, 481 authors, 207 periodicals containing articles.

Of the writings (excluding translations) there are, in French, 473; in English, 102; in Italian, 88; in German, 69; in Danish, 22; in Spanish, 16; in Russian, 12, and from one to six in various other European languages. The growth of interest in the subject is exhibited in the following data: In 1880, 14 writings appeared; in 1881, 39; in 1882, 39; in 1883, 40; in 1884, 78; in 1885, 71; in 1886, 131; in 1887, 205; in 1888 (from January to April), 71. The work is concluded with a full index of authors. In co-operation with Dr. Bérillon, the bibliographical work is to be continued in the *Revue de l'Hypnotisme*. Portions have already appeared in the October, November, and January numbers.

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